

MORRISON | FOERSTER425 MARKET STREET
SAN FRANCISCO
CALIFORNIA 94105-2482
TELEPHONE: 415.268.7000
FACSIMILE: 415.268.7522

WWW.MOFO.COM

MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP
NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO,
LOS ANGELES, PALO ALTO,
SAN DIEGO, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
DENVER, NORTHERN VIRGINIA,
ORANGE COUNTY, SACRAMENTO,
WALNUT CREEK, CENTURY CITY
TOKYO, LONDON, BEIJING,
SHANGHAI, HONG KONG,
SINGAPORE, BRUSSELS**RECEIVED**
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

To:

AUG 04 2006

NAME:	FACSIMILE:
Mail Stop ISSUE FEE US Patent and Trademark Office	(571) 273-8300

FROM: Robert E. Scheid
Reg. No. 42,126

DATE:

8/4/06

Number of pages with cover page:	4	
-------------------------------------	---	--

Preparer of this slip has confirmed that facsimile number given is 3105/ctn1
correct:**CAUTION - CONFIDENTIAL**

This facsimile contains confidential information which may also be privileged. Unless you are the addressee (or authorized to receive for the addressee), you may not copy, use, or distribute it. If you have received it in error, please advise Morrison & Foerster LLP immediately by telephone or facsimile and return it promptly by mail.

Comments:**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.:** 1881220003300
SERIAL NO.: 10/618,237
FILING DATE: July 11, 2003
INVENTOR(S): Gang ZHANG et al.
TITLE: ANALOG INTEGRATED CIRCUIT LAYOUT DESIGN**Papers attached herewith:**

1. Transmittal - 1 page
2. Statement on Substance of Interview - 2 pages

sf-2173278

AUG 04 2006

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

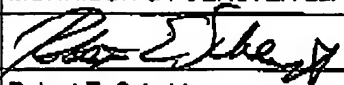
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM <small>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</small>		Application Number	10/618,237
		Filing Date	July 11, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Gang ZHANG
		Art Unit	2826
		Examiner Name	B. W. Bowers
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	3	Attorney Docket Number	188122003300

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	Statement on Substance of Interview (2 pages)
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

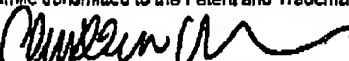
Firm Name	MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP (Customer No. 20872)		
Signature			
Printed name	Robert E. Scheid		
Date	8/4/06	Reg. No.	42,126

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, facsimile no. (571) 273-8300, on the date shown below.

Dated:

Aug. 4, 2006

Signature:



sf-2173270

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

AUG 04 2006

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, facsimile no. (571) 273-8300, on the date shown below.	
Dated: <u>8/4/06</u>	Signature: <u>[Handwritten Signature]</u>

Docket No.: 188122003300
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Gang ZHANG et al.

Application No.: 10/618,237

Confirmation No.: 4647

Filing Date: July 11, 2003

Art Unit: 2825

For: ANALOG INTEGRATED CIRCUIT LAYOUT
DESIGN

Examiner: B. Bowers

STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Interview Summary dated July 11, 2006, Paper No. 20060705, for which a reply is due on August 13, 2006. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Applicants thank Examiner Bowers for calling to the Applicants' representative, Robert E. Scheid, by telephone on June 29, 2006, to discuss changes in the claims to put the present application in condition for allowance. No exhibits were presented, and no prior art was discussed.

The following amendments to claims 1 and 6 were discussed.

Claim 1, lines 10-11, replace "determining for each performance, device parameter pair, a ratio of changes of the values thereof," with --determining a ratio of changes of the values for each performance, device parameter pair, --.

Claim 1, line 17, after "first value" insert --as a difference--.

sf-2170428

Application No.: 10/618,237

2

Docket No.: 188122003300

Claim 1, line 20, replace "combining" with --multiplying--.

Claim 6, line 1, after "instructions" insert --for designing integrated circuits--.

Note that the Examiner used "therein" instead of "thereof" when quoting the original claim language in Claim 1, lines 10-11, in the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowance dated July 13, 2006.

Applicants' representative agreed to consider the proposed amendments, and in a subsequent telephone message Applicants' representative agreed to the proposed amendments.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Docket No. 188122003300. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Dated: 8/4/06

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Robert E. Scheid
Registration No. 42,126
MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP
425 Market Street
San Francisco, California 94105-2482
Tel.: (415) 268-6369
Fax: (415) 268-7522

sf-2170428